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Internet Commerce for Manufacturing: A National Testbed for the Electronic Commerce of Printed Circuit Assembly Services

Electronics manufacturers are contracting an increasing breadth of production processes to their suppliers-a trend which is global, but highly pronounced in North America. Initially the industry saw OEMs divest of component technologies such as PWB (Printed Wiring Board) fabrication. The shift towards outsourcing continues today with board assembly operations. This trend has led to the explosive growth of the OEM's first-tier suppliers, the Electronics Manufacturing Services industry. OEM's were well-positioned to deliver products when they controlled the entire production cycle, but in today's environment the entire supply chain is being challenged to respond quickly to fluctuating demand for products with shrinking shelf lives. The Internet Commerce for Manufacturing (ICM) project is working with industry to develop and demonstrate a suite of web-based standards to enable the electronics manufacturing supply chain to meet current time-to-market demands.

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Printed Circuit Assembly Trends

Paper-intensive information exchange and old/incomplete standards.

An Electronics Manufacturing Service (EMS) provider can spend an entire day extracting needed data from a customer (OEM).

Impact: Poor information exchange reduces thin EMS profit margins ($\sim 3\%$).

- Manufacturers guess on 80% of customer requirements.
 - < 20% of new customers provide complete data
 - < 60% of existing customers provide complete data
 - 0% of customers provide data that requires no modifications

Designs getting too sophisticated for CAM tools to reverse engineer.

Impact: Supply-chain forecasts are off 40%, on average.

Outsourcing growth.

OEM's are contracting out a greater percentage and breadth of production processes (e.g. mfg, design services, engineering, testing, distribution, ...).

<u>Impact</u>: Complex time-to-market and cost of outsourcing trade-off decisions.

<u>Impact:</u> Growing distributed supply web. Importance of efficient Supply Chain management, collaboration, alliances, partnerships.



The Outsourcing Trend Continues (\$ in Billions)



- The EMS industry is growing and migrating offshore.
- Companies must make Supply Chains function with the efficiency of a single enterprise.



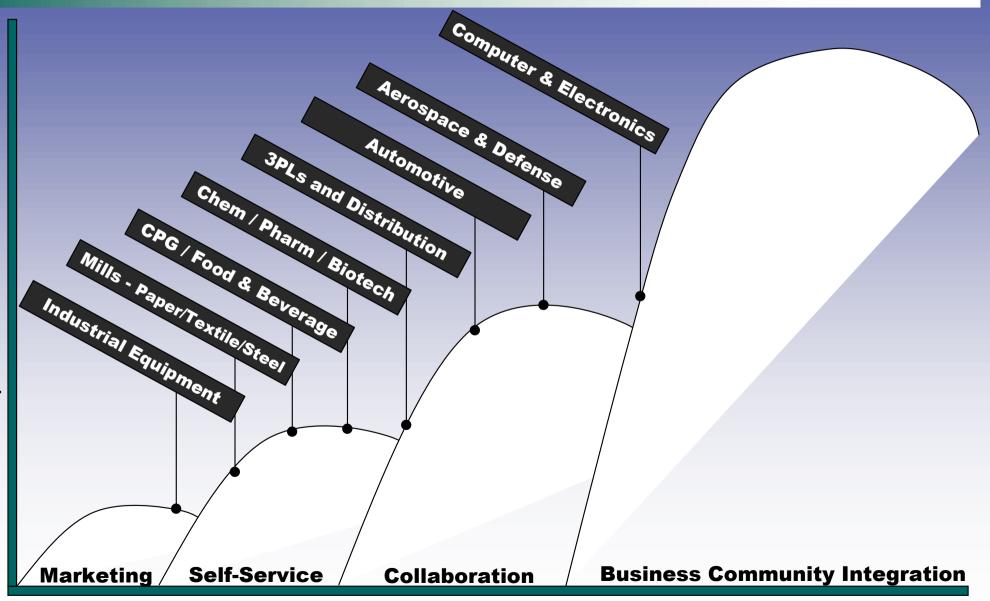
More Electronics Industry Trends

- Assembly is becoming a commodity.
 Companies are competing on the strength of their supply chain.
- Industry is moving towards XML-based exchange standards in the near term, with an eye towards data vaulting and data sharing via Application Service Providers.
- Electronics leads other sectors in e-Business integration.



eBusiness Industry Leaders





Level of Competitive Advantage

SOURCE: AMR Research 2000

e-manufacturing

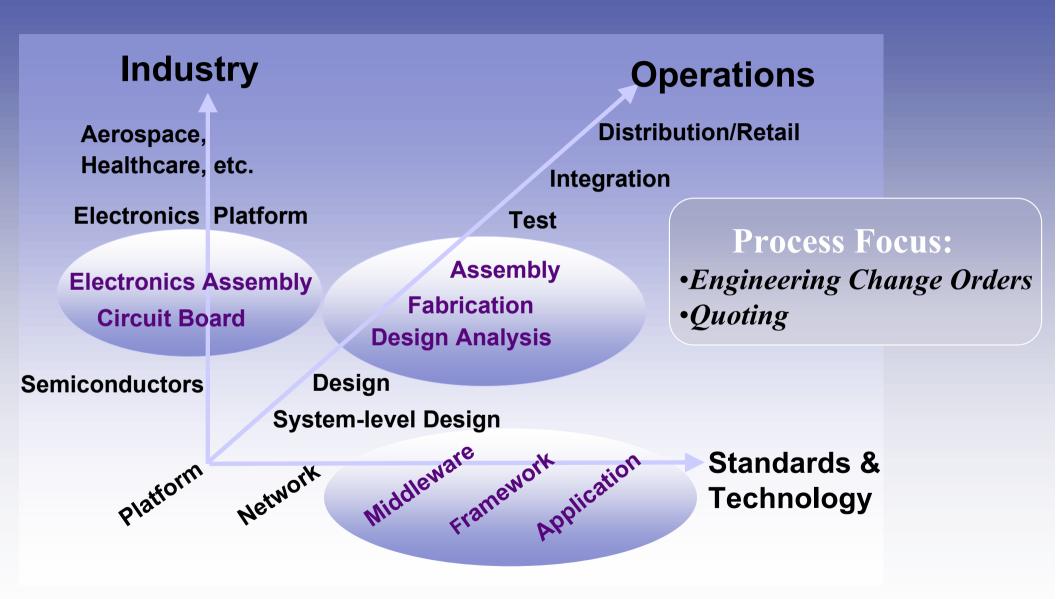


- <u>Electronic management</u> of products and orders on the manufacturing floor.
- Direct transfer of customer order details to manufacturing personnel and equipment.
- Tight electronic connections to suppliers and partners providing <u>visibility across the chain</u>.
- Streamlined New Product Introduction (NPI) processes.

ICM Project Objectives

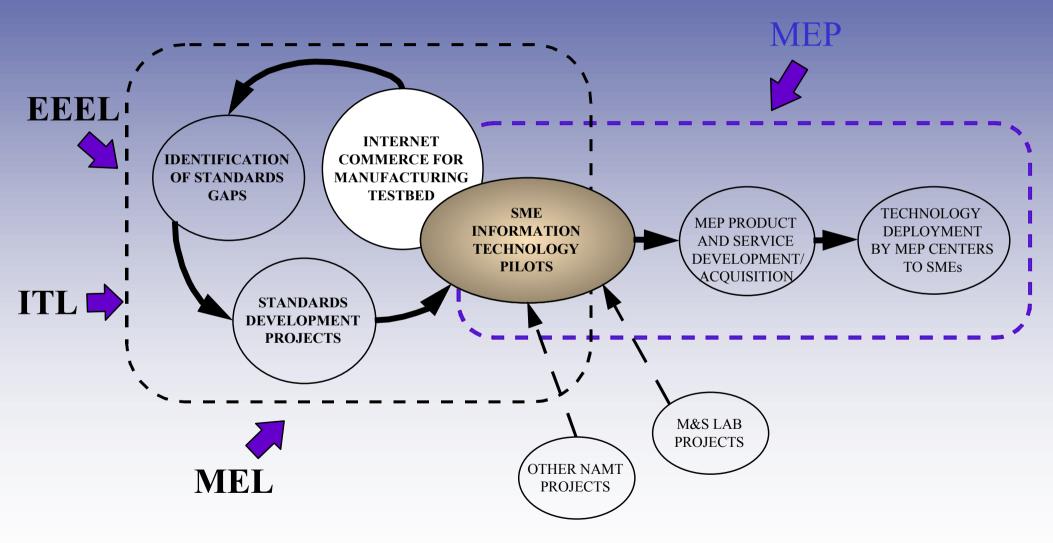
- Demonstrate integration of EC services with technical data interchange, to enhance the manufacturing and assembly process for electronic printed circuit boards.
- Enable <u>exchange of build information and change</u> <u>notices</u> for all supply-chain participants to support rapid decision-making and collaboration.
- Provide a flexible <u>test-bed</u> for industry and government to collaborate in testing and evaluating standards-based tools and integration technologies.

ICM Project Focus



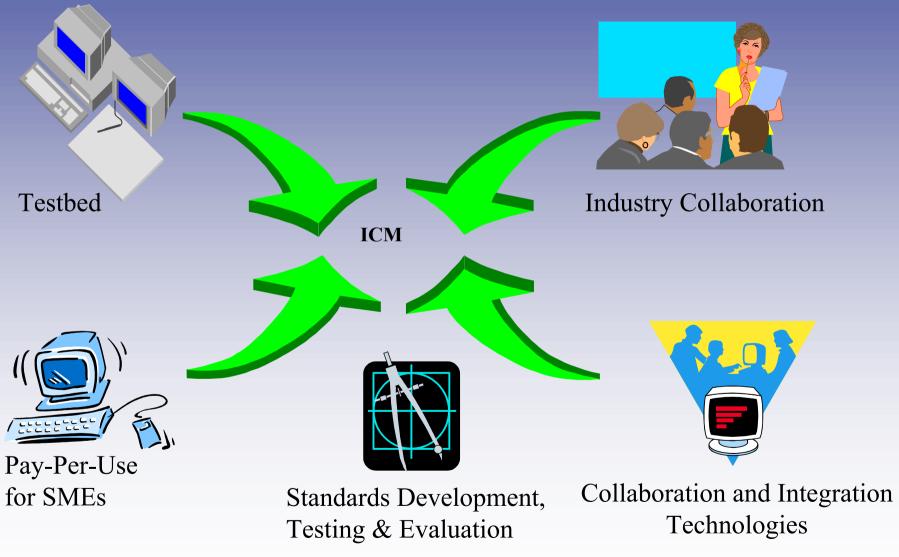


Project Strategy





ICM Technical Approach





ICM Partners

Standards Development:



IPC GenCAM



NEMI Plug & Play Factory



Technology Development:







Software & Services:







ICM Accomplishments

Demo Established
Boards Procured Electronically
Acting as 'OEM' in NEMI
Testbed

Business Case
Activity Model
Process Model
Scenario Workshops
Architecture Workshop



Testbed

Industry Collaboration



Pay-Per-Use for SMEs
Component Catalog
Manufacturability Analysis



ICM/VITSS

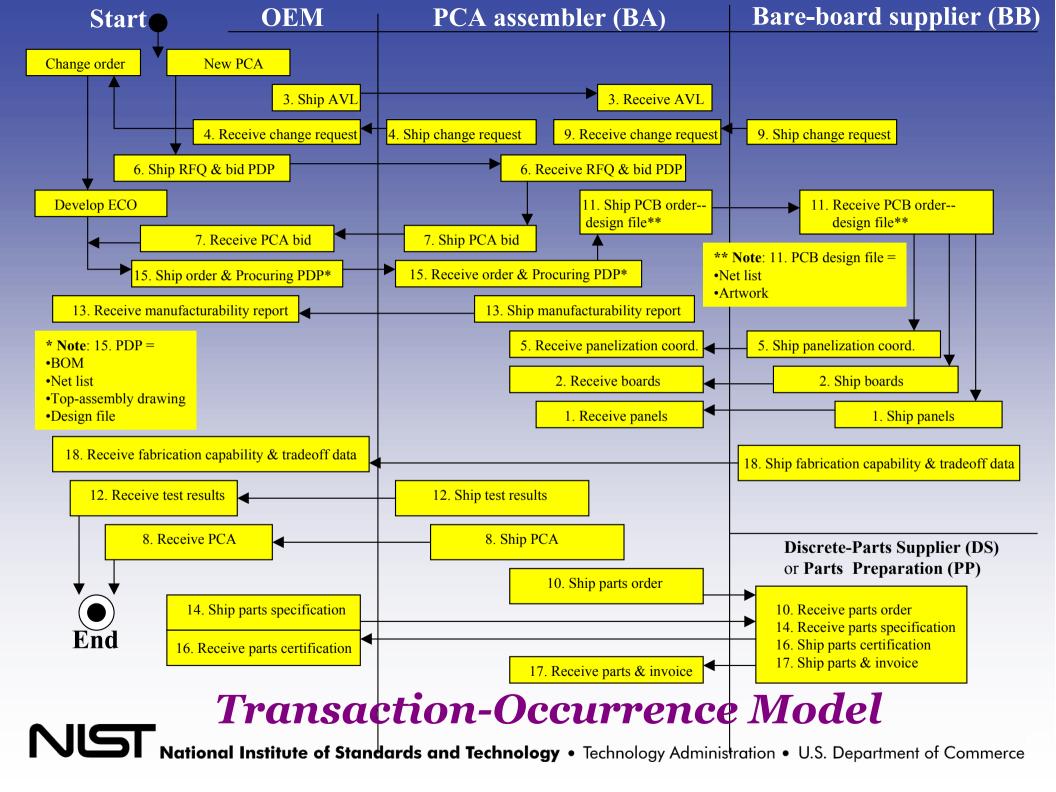
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Testing & Evaluation
eCo Working Group
IPC GenCAM Test Module
NEMI Standards



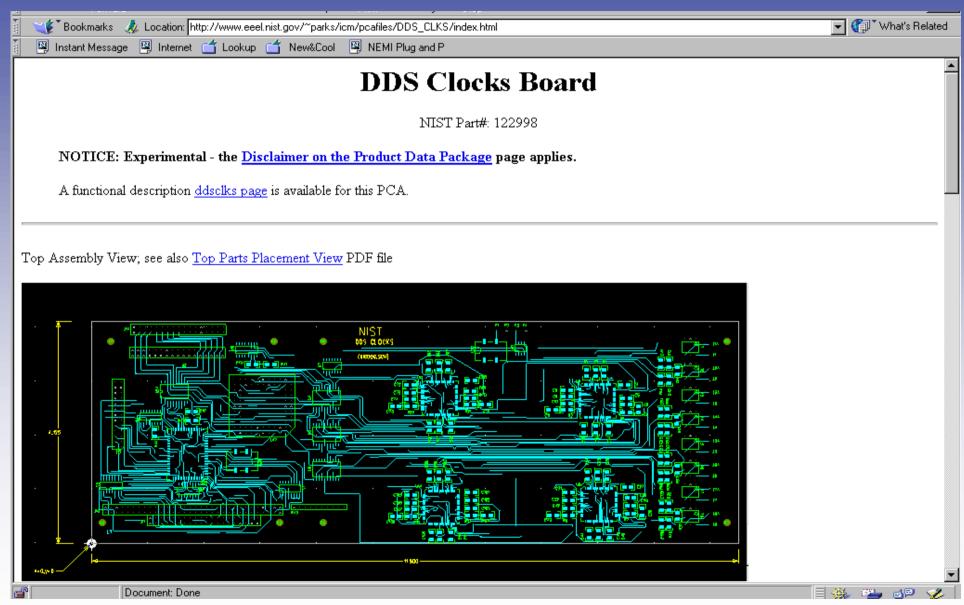
Quoting
Change Management
Agent framework &
business case being

developed

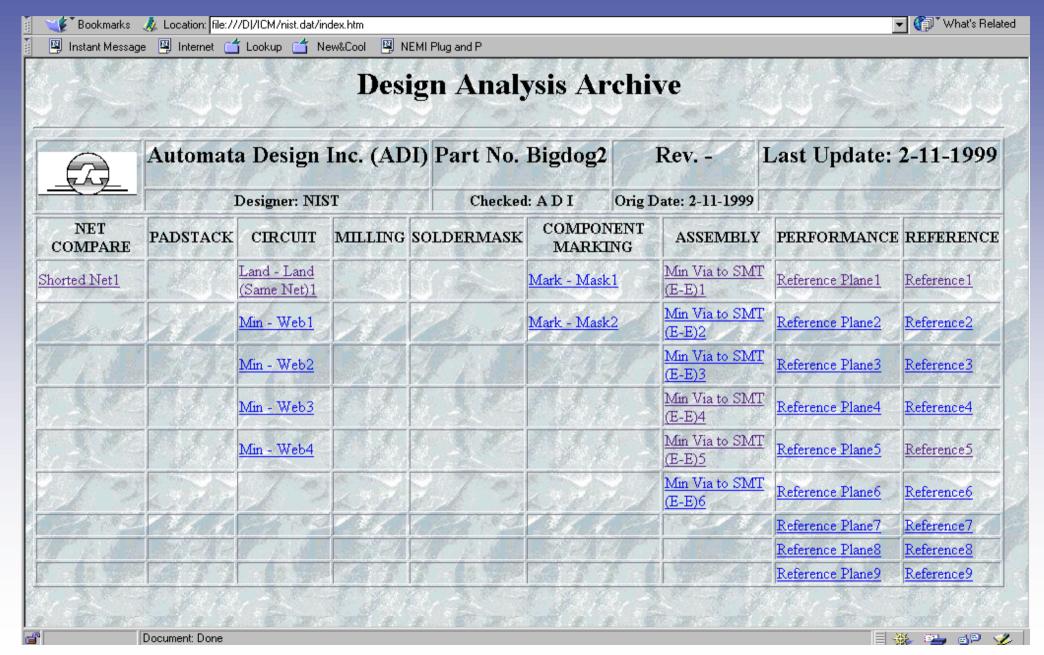




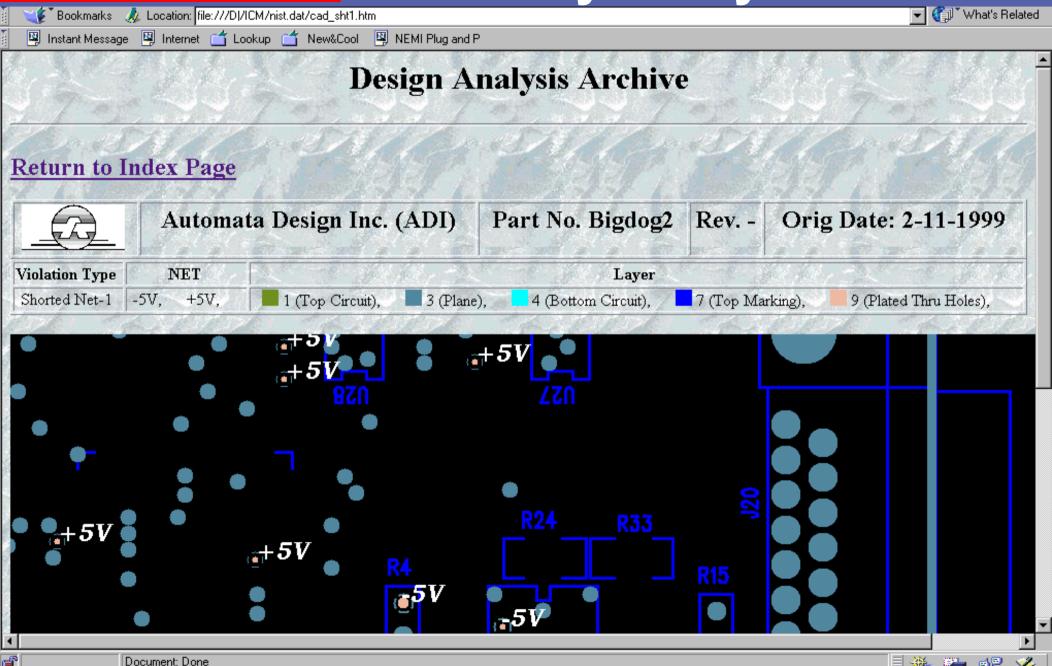
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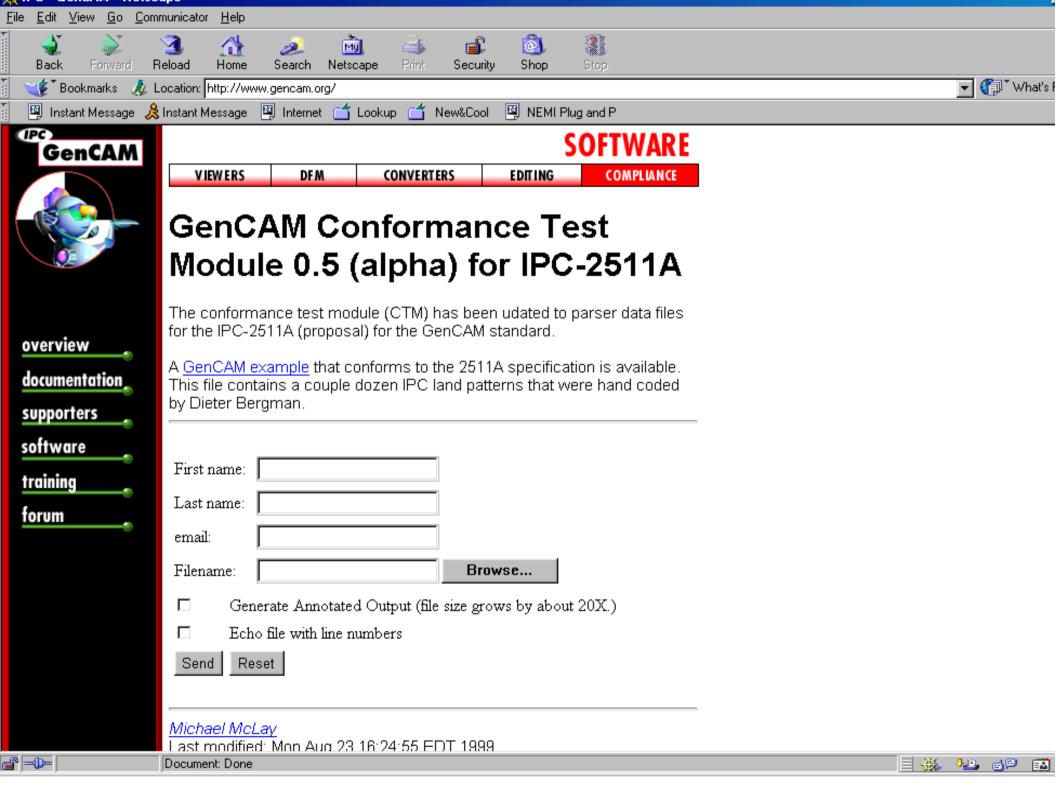


Pay-per-Use: Manufacturability Analysis

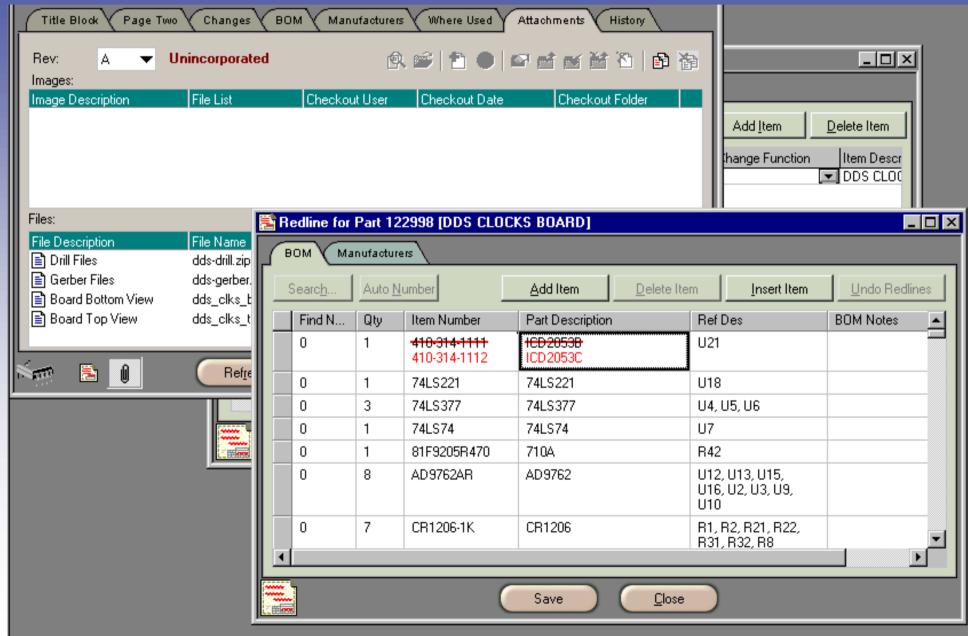


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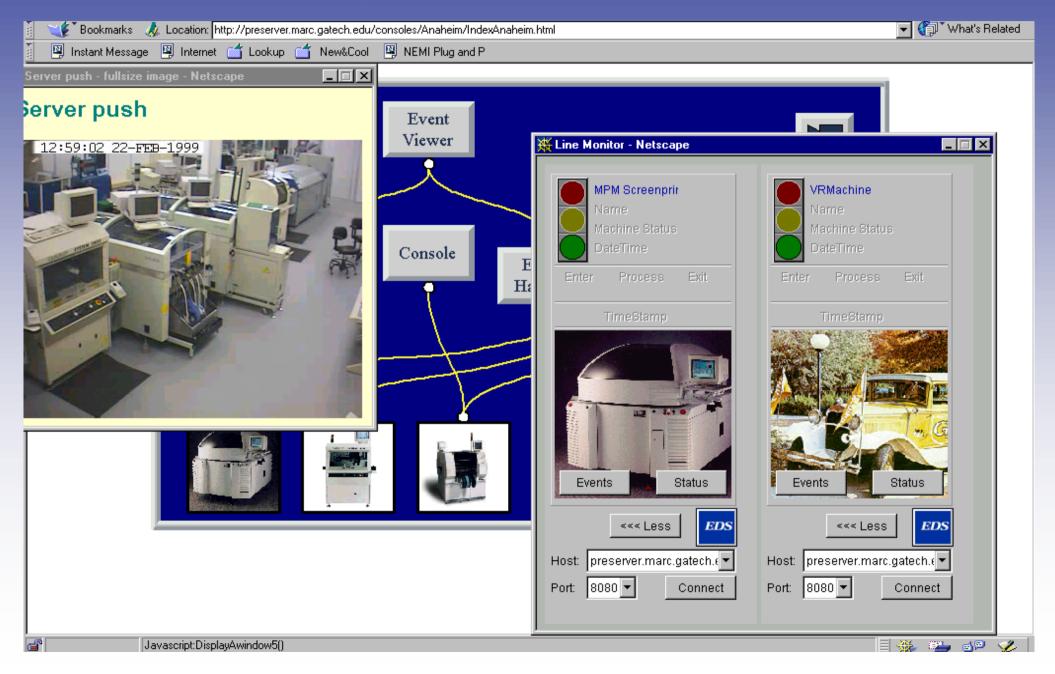




Collaboration Technology: Engineering Change Order

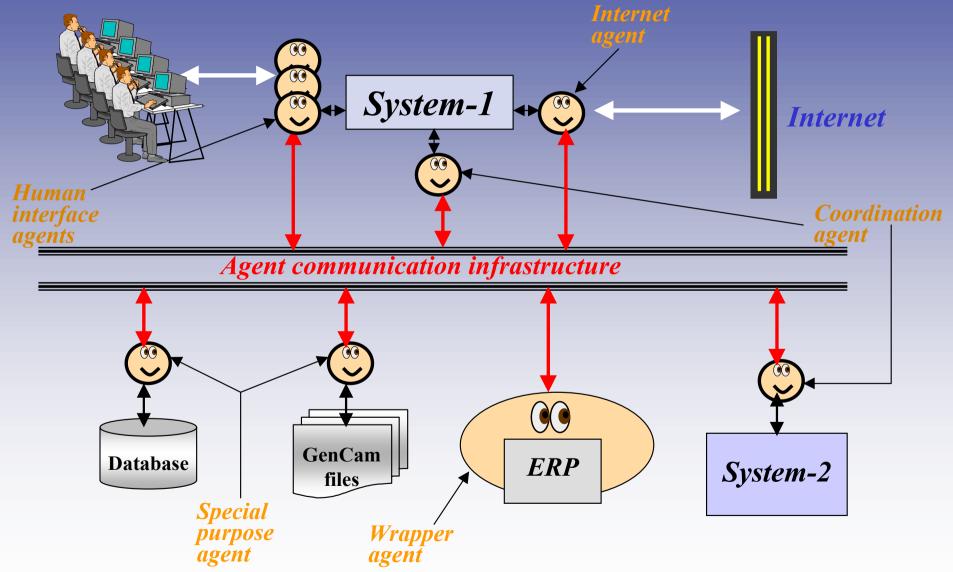


Collaboration Technology: Checking Production Status



Agent-Based Information Exchange

Manager/designer/engineer/purchase agents





ICM Plans

Incorporate agents into Demo Act as 'OEM' in NEMI Testbed Further system installs (eg: Netfish)

Tech Deployment to SMEs
Industry checkpoints



Industry Collaboration

Testbed

ICM/VITSS



Pay-Per-Use for SMEs

ASP survey & analysis



Standards Development, Testing & Evaluation GenCAM Test Module NEMI Virtual Factory

RosettaNet Product Configuration OAG Business Object Definitions



Collaboration Technologies

Agent infrastructure: Business case, implementation, evaluation



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